

Village of Roaming Shores Council

April 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Ball. Roll Call was taken and the following members were present : Roy Brommer, Bob Cook, Cheryl Copeland, Holly Mayernick, Joe Palombi, and Chad Vavpetic. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Leeann Moses and Solicitor William Bobulsky. Chad Vavpetic gave the invocation immediately followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

MINUTES TO THE PREVIOUS MEETING : Holly Mayernick made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Copeland, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2010 and March 23, 2010, meetings. The motion passed with all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT : A motion was made by Cheryl Copeland, seconded by Roy Brommer, to approve the Treasurer's Report with an ending balance of \$1,999,089.04. The motion passed with all in favor.

MAYOR'S REPORT : Mayor John Ball gave a report of the recent activities in the Village. The Mayor and the Village Administrator met with Conneaut Telephone Company who would like to run fiber optics throughout the Village, which could provide telephone, television and internet service for around \$100 per month. Mayor Ball recommended to Council to re-visit the agreement with the Association regarding the dam. A trapper for the dam area and a lawn maintenance firm have been hired which we result in a substantial savings for the Village. The date for the summer appreciation dinner for the fire departments and SCAD date has not yet been determined. The Mayor was asked by a member of Council to enforce the Ordinance which hired the Village Administrator which forbids him any interaction with Smolen Engineers and avoid any and all conflicts of interest.

ROME ROCK ASSOCIATION LIAISON REPORT : Gary Phillip provided a written report on the recent activities taken at the Association meeting, which was read by the Mayor.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT : Administrator Kevin Grippi provided a written report for Council and the Mayor. The Village has received full payment from the EPA stimulus funded sludge de-watering project. He secured a reduced electric power rate for the wastewater treatment plant which could result in a savings of \$21,500 over the next three years. The Administrator is preparing the final grant applications for Efficient GovNow and OPWC Morningstar Phase II and lift station upgrades.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT : Chief Rasmussen provided a written report for the month of March. The department handled 32 calls, travelled 3,459 miles and consumed 238 gallons of fuel. A new COPS grant is available; all we need to do is update our statistics which we included in a previous application.

COMMITTEE REPORTS : *Planning/Zoning* – Holly Mayernick reported on the recent discussion at their meeting ; Worship on the Water, address signs and the deed covenants and restrictions. *Finance* – Chad Vavpetic added that the committee has met and topics of discussion were the budget and appropriations. *Lake Dam/Stormwater* – Discussion of the chain of command for the dam occurred. If any question should arise, it should be directed towards the Mayor who will in turn contact the proper party. *Personnel* – The committee met and are working on the situation regarding the salary of the Mayor, six month employee reviews, and looking into updating the personnel manual. Solicitor Bobulsky will formulate a request to the State Auditor regarding the salary of the Mayor. Holly Mayernick made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Copeland, to pay the wages of the Mayor and members of Council monthly, instead of quarterly, to comply with the Ohio Revised Code 705.13. The motion passed with all in favor. *Safety* – The committee met and discussed formulating a program to check up on senior citizens, using the patrol boat to check for zoning violations, the address signs and the police levy which comes up for renewal this November. Concern of the enforcement of the leash law

within the village followed. *SCAD/Utility Study* – SCAD responded to 2 calls within the Village, 13 calls year to date. The new ambulance should be arriving shortly, and the old ambulance will be kept in rotation. *Roads/Community Development* – nothing to report. *Records* – nothing to report.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS : *Doris Karger* asked if the state has a leash law. *No.* *Nick Vavpetic* asked that Council speak louder, since it is very difficult to hear the discussion at the Council table. *Dick Wills* added that the Village does have a leash law for dogs. *Kate Harris* added that often dogs are running loose in her neighbourhood after dark.

OLD BUSINESS : Mayor Ball stated that the Building committee presented a list to reduce costs of the construction of the Village Hall to the General Contractor and in return received a breakdown of each line item with a total cost savings of \$17,741. Discussion followed. Bob Cook made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Copeland to approve the building committee recommendation that the building go forward as planned with the exception of moving the door in the council chambers and the addition of the revised desk plan. Roll Call vote was taken and the following voting in favor ; Roy Brommer, Bob Cook, Cheryl Copeland and Joe Palombi, with Holly Mayernick and Chad Vavpetic voting “no”. The motion passed. Holly Mayernick asked why no one is considering the savings on the cost of building the new Village Hall. Chad Vavpetic proposed removing the Council table and platform since it takes up a large portion of the Council meeting room. Discussion followed. Chad Vavpetic made a motion, seconded by Holly Mayernick, not to accept the proposed re-drawing of the Council table and the additional expense and eliminate the permanent Council table as well as the platform. Roll Call vote was taken and those voting in favor of the motion were Holly Mayernick and Chad Vavpetic, opposed were Roy Brommer, Cheryl Copeland, Bob Cook and Joe Palombi. The motion failed. (2) Village Administrator Kevin Grippi stated that he is ready to open up the proposals on April 21st for the website design/update. Gary Phillips, General Manager for Rome Rock Association asked that the Village reconsider taking any action on the website and hire their web designer to update our webpage and to continue sharing our current website. Discussion followed and Council asked that the proposal from the Association be in writing before they would make any consideration. (3) The Mayor gave a recap of the RFP’s (*request for proposal*) received for the lift stations, designed of septage receiving program and the collection systems study. The following are the results for the projects as listed previously; *POGGEMEYER ENGINEERING*- \$49,950, \$8,750 and \$35,000, *DLZ ENGINEERING* - \$213,000, \$28,000 and \$98,000, *SMOLEN ENGINEERING* - \$24,850, \$8,600 and \$11,500. The septage study was remanded back to the Utility Study Group. Chad Vavpetic made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Copeland, to award the bid to the highest scoring engineering firm and also the lowest bid. The motion passed with all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS : The Recycling/compost site is filling up and needs to be ground into mulch very soon. The county has not yet put the project out for bid, most likely not until this fall. Holly Mayernick made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Copeland, to complete the first grinding at the recycling/compost site at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. The motion passed with all in favor. (2) The Mayor read the proposals from Perma-Gro for landscaping and maintenance for the Boulevard at no cost, general landscaping and maintenance of the trees at the sewer plant for \$2,300 and the landscaping and maintenance of the evergreen trees and daylilies at a cost of \$2,600, a total of \$4,900 for all three projects. A motion was made by Roy Brommer, seconded by Holly Mayernick, to hire Perma-Gro for the landscaping/maintenance of the trees and plants at a cost not to exceed \$4,900. The motion passed with all in favor. (3) The sale of water to water haulers was discussed, however no action was taken.

ORDINANCE 486-11-09 : *Mandating Lot Numbers for all homes and lakefront lots(3RD).* **TABLED**

ORDINANCE 488-11-09 : *Establishing a Capital Improvement Fund (3rd)* **TABLED**

ANY OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS : Perma-Gro Landscaping volunteered to do the landscaping for the new Village Hall at no cost, once it is completed. Holly Mayernick reminded everyone that the Joint Village and Rome Rock Association meeting is on Thursday, April 29th and she urged Councilmembers to attend. Chad Vavpetic reported on the Ashtabula Health District meeting which he attended. He is also attending the Elected Officials Academy on Wednesday evenings, and is learning a lot of helpful information. Roy Brommer asked for permission for himself and a contractor to look at the auxiliary dam, which was granted.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS : Roy Brommer made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Copeland, to approve payment of the following bills : Gall's - \$40.08, Kevin Grippi - \$50.00, John Ball - \$53.20, William Bobulsky – \$1,485.00, Gazette Printing - \$18.56, The Illuminating Company - \$258.42, Smolen Engineering - \$5,771.00, NEO Electrical Supply - \$26.71, Lakeland Management Systems - \$ 52,920.00. The motion passed with all in favor.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS : *Rupe Harris* asked if there are any provisions made for comfortable seating in the new Village Hall. *Jim Bentley* asked for clarification of the RFP’s. *Leeann Moses* added that the Ashtabula County District Library has a levy on the ballot next month which will support the Ashtabula Library, the Bookmobile and Geneva Library not the Rock Creek Public Library or the Grand Valley Library. If you choose to vote for the levy, please remember that our local libraries will not benefit.

ADJOURNMENT : Holly Mayernick made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Copeland, to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Ball adjourned the meeting at 10:00 PM.

MAYOR

CLERK-TREASURER

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